



DATMINYAN

Parashat Shelach

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Earliest Candle Lighting 6:58 pm
Candle Lighting 8:13 pm
Havdalah 9:21 pm

This Shabbat, all services will be at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy)

Masks are optional at our minyanim. We encourage anyone who wishes or needs to wear a mask to continue to do so. If you have any symptoms or not feeling well, please stay home.

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 6:40pm
Shema should be recited after 9:21 pm

Shabbat

Shacharit: 9:00 am (with childcare)
Latest time for Shema is 9:17 am

Kiddush following services

Mincha: 8:10 pm
Maariv: 9:21pm

**Rosh Chodesh Tammuz is Wednesday 6/29
and Thursday 6/30**



D'var Torah by Rabbi Halpern

Philosophers have long debated the basis of human reasoning. How is it that we humans build our knowledge? Do we simply use the input of data that our senses absorb, using inborn intuition to interpret outside stimuli? Or is it primarily a slew of ideas we absorb from others that influence our perception of reality?

This debate has its practical applications, particularly when facing a difficult decision: do we search inside for the answer, or do we make sure to read up on the subject so that we're well informed? Another relevant area is regarding the opinions we protect so valiantly: are they ours to protect, or merely a conglomeration of concepts we've heard and absorbed?

Let's look at the white and *techeiles*-blue of the *tzitzis* and hopefully gain some insight into the Torah-view on knowledge/perception. In doing so, we will have a new appreciation for the unique challenge that faced the Twelve Spies.

The color white is the "canvas" upon which other colors are written or painted. It does not absorb different colors and, in that way, remains purely a backdrop for others. Blue, on the other hand, has a unique quality. The sages explain that blue reminds us of the sky and leads us to contemplate Hashem's Throne of Glory. In Ramban's words, blue represents the infinite.

Let us apply the nature of these colors to our perspective on reality (theory of knowledge). We all know that the pictures we see are only a snapshot of a larger reality. Our minds can only interpret a small amount of what the world throws our way; all the rest gets filtered out.

The larger reality is the "white canvas." Our job is to use the words and concepts in our minds to create a narrative and framework for what we see. The challenge is that we often get stuck on *our* sometimes narrow version of reality.

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Davening Times for the Upcoming Week:

Weekday Davening will be held at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy)

Shacharit

Sun: 8:00 am
Mon: 6:30 am
Tues, Fri: 6:35 am
Wed, Thurs (Rosh Chodesh): 6:20 am

Mincha

Sun - Thurs: 8:15 pm
Fri: 6:40 pm

*Every person counts for Minyan!
Please make an effort to attend*

Message from Rabbi Halpern

I'm available on the phone or in person for your halachic needs, rabbinic counseling, or anything else that I can assist you with. You can reach me on my cell at 732-237-5455 or at shmuel.halpern@datminyan.org

D'var Torah (cont.)

The blue of the *tzitzis* reminds us that we are looking at an infinite picture and that the small image we create is a microcosm of an endless reality. Yes, our thinking, as limited as it might be, is essential. Logic, emotion, and imagination are Divine gifts to man, allowing him to discover His Will and understand His World.

Upon entering Israel, the Jews were to transition from an “era of revelation” to a “natural reality.” With an open revelation, there is less room for personal perception and interpretation. However, in this new order, a greater emphasis will be placed on the narrative we give to reality.

The Spies, as emissaries of the Jews, needed to create their own narrative for the very first time. They needed to walk a tightrope, maintaining the connection to an endless reality –Hashem’s Will– while creating and relating to a finite picture — the world of man.

As with all words of the Torah, this subject is as relevant today as it ever was. We live in a world where each side of a debate has only its set of facts. Simply put, we place too much emphasis on our narrative and have lost connection with the Source of Infinity — Hashem.

The results today, as they were with the Spies, are disastrous. Discord, infighting, and destruction are sanctioned because *they* belong to the *other* side.

Think for yourself, but remember that there are as many mindsets as there are people.

Through Torah study, prayer, and mitzvah observance, we connect more deeply with the Source of all logic, Hashem; as a result, we will become more open, honest, and objective in our thinking.



Come Learn With Us

- **SHAWL** led by Liora Wittlin at 7:10 pm at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy)
- **In-Depth Gemara Shiur**- will not be meeting this week.
- **Words of Wisdom** sponsored by The Women's Experience, a division of The Jewish Experience. Led by Ellyn Hutt on Tuesdays from 2-3 pm. Join Ellyn in delving deeper into the significance of Hebrew words from each week's parsha for personal inspiration and spiritual connection. Meeting ID: 884 9530 8316. For women only.
- **Masechet Megillah Chabura** is on hiatus for the Summer and will resume Aug 8.
- **Parsha for Women** sponsored by The Women's Experience. Led by Ellyn Hutt Thursdays from 11am - 12pm. Each weekly Torah portion gives us insight into how we can live our lives more meaningfully and mindfully. Join Ellyn as we explore and chart our spiritual journey in sync with the parsha. Meeting ID: 922 119 870
- **The OU Women's Initiative 2022 Virtual Summer Beit Midrash** July 25 - August 5 with both morning and evening classes. Learn more and sign up at ou.org/women/alit2021.
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package**.

DAT Minyan Announcements

- **Mazal Tov** to Drs. Alex and Hanah Polotsky on the engagement of their daughter Esti, to Jonathan Posner of Miami.
- **Mazal Tov** to Donny and Jodi Basch on celebrating Aryeh's Bar Mitzvah this week at The Jewish Experience.
- **Rabbi Halpern will be away from June 19-28.** He can be reached via email or phone in case of questions or an emergency during this time.
- **Popsicles in the Park** will be postponed due to the forecasted rain.
- **DAT Minyan's 2022 Annual Meeting** will be on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:45 over Zoom. You must [register in advance](#) to attend this meeting. You may [appoint a proxy](#) if you can not attend. All attendees must be full members in good standing. Please contact office@datminyan.org if you have any questions.
- **Save the Date** July 8-10, Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Ahron Lopianski, Rosh HaYeshiva of Greater Washington – Tiferes Gedaliah. More information to follow.
- **Construction Update** Our construction crew is doing a great job downstairs! See pictures on page 4!

Members' Milestones



Mendel Sher, Shalom Kaiser, Joseph Friedman, Yehudis Kasztl, Rachely Kasztl, Dalya Penn, Yosef Miller



Craig Kornbluth and Hannah Katz

Refuah Shlemah

Please include the following names in your tefilla. May each be granted a Refuah Shlemah.

Aliza bat Batsheva	Mika Ester Bat Adi	Shoshanah bat Miriam
Alonit bat Yael	Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah	Yisrael ben Yocheved
Bella bas Malka	Naama	Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa
Chaika bat Rachel	Penina Devorah bas Shulamit Itka	Yosef Simcha Chaim ben Sarah Chana
Dovid Simcha ben Shoshana Michal	Ruchel Malkah bat Leah	Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya
Eliezer ben Tova	Sarah Gili bat Bena	Yossef ben Dinah
Leah bat Sarah	Sarah Rivka bat Rachel Leah	Zev Shmuel ben Heleina
Masha bas Rivka	Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny	

Names are kept on the list until Rosh Chodesh. Help us keep the list accurate by updating the [Cholim Document](#) or by emailing office@datminyan.org

Community Happenings

- Merkaz is running a Teen Summer Minyan at Merkaz at 7:45 am Mon-Fri followed by a bagel breakfast. All ages welcome. Contact ret@merkaztorah.org for more info.
- The Golda Meir House Museum invites the community to "The Only Woman in the Room" Monday, 8/1. More info can be found at <https://www.ahec.edu/auraria/golda-meir-house/the-only-woman-in-the-room-symposium>
- East Side Eruv. Visit www.denvereruv.org to sign up for weekly status messages, Eruv maps, and to make donations.
- MOED: Visit www.mikvahofeastdenver.org for updates, donation form, membership info and more!
- Chana Feige Abrahams is scheduling appointments for the Zussman Mikvah. Call 720-295-7718 or text 720-838-4093.

Construction Update



Framing of the entryway from a separate foyer into the sanctuary. Foyer will include shelves for siddurim and chumashim, "cubbies" to hold talis and tefillin bags for morning minyan, and a hand-washing station.



Framing of walls for the new ADA-accessible restroom and the new room to house all the new HVAC equipment. A new, energy-efficient hot water system has been installed.



Popsicles in the Park

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POSTPONED
due to forecasted rain.
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